

curriculum, what ought not to be in the core curriculum, over to a bill dealing with driver's licenses. I was...I was trying to make a decision as to whether I should raise this point or not. I did look through the bill to see if there is any place in this bill where there is any reference to obligations of the public school system and curriculum of the schools and any of those other items. There is absolutely no connection whatsoever between this bill and the public schools. This is entirely a driver's bill, it does not...it's an incredible stretch and I'm surprised that an amendment like this would be offered. I raise a point of order as to the germaneness.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Beutler, would you like to address the point of order?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, under the way the germaneness rule has been interpreted in my experience in the last year, there can be no doubt but this is germane. The bill has to do with approved courses, setting up approved courses and the bill specifically says, may be offered by any school district. So we are on the subject of approved courses being offered by a school district which naturally raises the question of whether those courses can be offered by the school district for credit or not for credit. It's simply a clarifying amendment. To say that it's not germane, well, I guess that would put us on a new course with the germaneness rule but I suggest to you that it would bring us on a course to chaos.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, if I might ask you a question, I...in reading through the committee statement as offered by the Transportation Committee, they do make...in the explanation of the amendments, they do make a number of references to courses offered by certified teachers, courses offered to school districts, those committee amendments were adopted. It would seem to me that there might be, you know, someplace where this fits into that. Would you care to comment on that?

SENATOR WITHEM: I guess it indicates where the courses can be offered but let me withdraw the challenge just a second and take a look at the committee amendments and look at it again in that perspective. Looking at the bill itself, there was...there was little or no connection. There may be with the committee amendments having been adopted, so let me withdraw the challenge and take a look at that, if I could, please.